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SUBJECT: FRG REPORT ON BUDAPEST PREPARATORY MEETING OF EUROPEAN
COMMUNIST PARTIES, DECEMBER 19-21

REF: USNATO 0035

FOLLOWING JANUARY 7 POLADS, FRG REP CIRCULATED HIS
"SPEAKING NOTES" USED IN DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES:
BUDAPEST PREPARATORY MEETING

1. WE GOT A REPORT ACCORDING TO WHICH THE SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE
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LEARNED THEIR LESSON FROM THE LAST MEETING IN WARSAW. THEY
THEREFORE ADOPTED AT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IN BUDA-
PEST A NEW APPROACH BY MORE CONCENTRATING ON THE PRACTICAL
WORK AND BY AVOIDING CRITICISM OF OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES.

2. THE PRACTICAL WORK DID CONCENTRATE ON

- AN ANALYSIS OF THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM IN WESTERN EUROPE,

- THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMON PROGRAMME FOR ACTION,
AS FOR EXAMPLE THE CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ALLIES IN
WESTERN EUROPE (TRADE UNIONS, SOCIALIST PARTIES).

3. THE CSCE WAS ONE IMPORTANT POINT OF DISCUSSION. IT WAS
SUGGESTED THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
SHOULD BE MOBILIZED IN ORDER TO CONVINCE GOVERNMENTS THAT
THE THIRD STAGE OF CSCE SHOULD BE HELD AT SUMMIT LEVEL.

4. HOWEVER, MEMEBERS OF THE RUMANIAN DELEGATION FELT THAT THE
CHANGE OF SOVIET ATTITUDE WAS PURELY TACTICAL. THEY WERE
AFRAID THAT THE SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE
DOCUMENTS FOR THE BERLIN CONFERENCE MIGHT PREPARE THE WAY
FOR THE OLD SOVIET CONCEPT OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT.
THE RUMANIAN DELEGATE SEEMS TO HAVE OPPOSED THE SETTING
UP OF SUCH AN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE THOUGH ASSURANCES WERE
GIVEN THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE DISBANDED AFTER THE
BERLIN CONFERENCE.

5. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER PREPARATORY CONFERENCE
(POSSIBLY IN ROME) IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE DOCUMENTS
PREPARED BY THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

6. ACCORDING TO A REPORT WE GOT FROM BELGRADE EVEN THE
YUGOSLAVS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN RATHER SATISFIED WITH THE
BUDAPEST MEETING WHERE THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION WAS ABLE
TO OUTLINE THEIR INDEPENDENT POSITION AND THEIR OPPOSITION
TO ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE INTO DOMESTIC MATTERS OF OTHER
COUNTRIES. THE YUGOSLAVS HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE AT THE BERLIN
CONFERENCE TO A NEW KIND OF PLURALISM OF SOCIALIST PARTIES,
THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OF THE POST-TITO PERIOD.
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